

Seventeen Delaware Artists Receive Fellowship Grants

The Delaware Division of the Arts has announced the Fiscal Year 2013 winners of its Individual Artist Fellowship (IAF) grants. Seventeen individual Delaware artists are being recognized for the high quality of their artwork in the visual arts, literature, music, jazz performance, choreography, and folk arts. Artists were selected from towns throughout the state including Bear, Dover, Harbeson, Lewes, Lincoln, Milford, Milton, Newark, and Wilmington. Their work ranged from photography and sculpture to playwriting and choreography.

The work of 85 applicants was judged by arts professionals from around the country. Through the IAF grants, the artists' achievements are affirmed, helping provide the recognition and exposure that artists need to successfully promote their work. The artists receive a financial award—\$3,000 for the Emerging category and \$6,000 for the Established category—allowing them to pursue advanced training, purchase equipment and materials, or fulfill other needs that allow them to advance their careers. The public will have an opportunity to see the varied artwork by these artists as they are required to have a public exhibit or performance showcasing their work in the upcoming year.

Listed below are the Delaware Division of the Arts 2013 Individual Artist Fellows. Contact information for the artists may be obtained by calling Kristin Pleasanton, the Division's Art and Artist Services Coordinator, at (302) 577-8284 in Wilmington or (302) 736-7436 in Dover.

2013 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWS

Established Professional (\$6,000 award)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Linda Blaskey	Lincoln	Literature: Poetry
Anne Colwell	Milton	Literature: Fiction
Scott Davidson	Wilmington	Jazz: Solo Performance
Anne Jenkins	Milford	Folk Art: Visual
Ramona Long	Newark	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
George Lorio	Dover	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Augustine Mercante	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
Aina Nergaard- Nammack	Lewes	Visual Arts: Painting
Karin Snoots	Harbeson	Visual Arts: Painting

Emerging Professional (\$3,000 award)		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Alex Buckner	Wilmington	Choreography
Teresa Clifton	Milford	Literature: Fiction
Knicomma Frederick	Wilmington	Folk Art: Visual
Jerry Gordon	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Andre Jones	Wilmington	Literature: Playwriting
Michele McCann	Newark	Folk Art: Music
Marjorie Weber	Lewes	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
William Wolff	Bear	Visual Arts: Photography

Honorable Mentions

<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Thomas Del Porte	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Dennis Lawson	Newark	Literature: Fiction
Georgia Leonhart	Rehoboth Beach	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Robyn Phillips-Pendleton	Newark	Visual Arts: Painting
Russell Reece	Bethel	Literature: Fiction
Vanessa Simon	Magnolia	Visual Arts: Photography
Michele Xiques	Milford	Choreography

The next deadline for Individual Artist Fellowships applications is August 1, 2013.

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.